

REMARKS

Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended to change the language “during the deposit or money receiving portion of the ongoing money deposit transaction” to “during a first portion of the ongoing money deposit transaction”. Applicant does not concede that the prior amendment constituted new matter not supported by the originally filed disclosure, but to avoid further dispute on this point, Applicant simply refers to a first and second portion of an ongoing money deposit transaction, which is fully supported by the originally filed disclosure, as discussed below.

Amendments to the Claims

The claims have been amended to avoid any reference to a deposit or money receiving portion of the ongoing money deposit transaction in lieu of making reference to a first and second portion of the ongoing money deposit transaction, which finds full support in the originally filed disclosure, as discussed below.

Objections to the Specification

The examiner’s objections to the specification is now moot in view of the amendments made to the specification, as discussed above.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112

Applicant respectfully submits that the current amendments to the specification and claims fully avoid the objections raised by the examiner that the claims are indefinite in any respect.

The examiner’s objection resides essentially in Applicant’s reference to a “money receiving portion” of an ongoing money deposit transaction as separate from a dispensing action during the ongoing money deposit transaction. The examiner believes that referring to “money receiving portion” is confusing, given that the depositor may constitute a money receiver during the ongoing money deposit transaction.

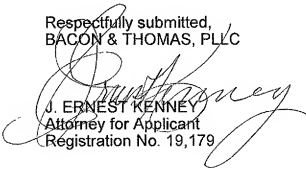
The examiner recommends clarifying the "money receiving portion" language to clearly differentiate that the money is being received by the device rather than by the depositor. Applicant agrees with the examiner that the claim language could be improved to avoid possible confusion and the currently proposed amendments to the claims now refer to first and second portions of the ongoing money deposit transaction to avoid any inference that "money receiving portion" could only refer to the deposit of money in various storage elements within the device.

Reference to a first and second portion of the ongoing deposit transaction simply facilitates reference to that portion of the deposit transaction when money is inserted and received in the apparatus versus the second portion of the ongoing deposit transaction when the money may be credited to the account of the operator or may at least in part be returned to the operator. As noted previously during the prosecution of this application, it is during the first portion of the ongoing deposit transaction that the bank notes are checked by a checking device of the apparatus at least as to authenticity and the state of the bank notes and determining fitness for circulation of the bank notes as a result of the checking.

Applicant submits that any issue regarding new matter or indefiniteness has been resolved by the currently proposed claim amendments and that the application is now fully in condition for allowance.

The examiner's helpful suggestions with regard to the claim language is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
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